

# Disease Status

## If Any Bison are Used for Restoration Their Health Status Would Be Certified by the State Veterinarian

Only bison that are certified as free of reportable diseases of concern would be considered for a potential reintroduction program.

The state veterinarian of Montana would certify that bison used for potential reintroduction are free of reportable diseases of concern and attention would be paid to the disease history of the source herd.

## Reportable Diseases of Concern

As with any species bison have the potential to carry a number of pathogens or parasites.

The following are diseases that may infect bison and are 'reportable' within the state of Montana, meaning that they must be reported to the Department of Livestock:

- Anthrax
- Bluetongue
- Bovine Anaplasmosis
- Bovine Brucellosis
- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
- Bovine Tuberculosis
- Bovine Viral Diarrhea
- Johne's Disease
- Malignant Catarrhal Fever (sheep associated)



**Any bison used for potential restoration would be tested for diseases of concern.**